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SUBJECT: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO U.S.

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1. DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOWNEY AND TO EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, VICE PRESIDENT SRONEK OF POLYTECHNA LEFT FOR U.S. FOR SIGNING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT WITHHOUT PROVIDING INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO U.S. FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
2. WE CAN DO NOTHING HERE UNTIL SRONEK RETURNS; HIS SUBORDINATES WILL CALIM THEY KNOW NOTHING OF HIS PROMISE TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY SUCH INFORMATION. PERHAPS COMMERCE OFFICERS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO SRONEK DURING DELEGATIONS'S STAY IN WASHINGTON. WE ASSUME HE IS ACTING UNDER ORDERS FROM ABOVE NOT TO BE TOO FORTHCOMING WITH US ON THIS APPARENTLY SENSITIVE TOPIC, BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF THAT.
3. EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE CHECK WITH SRONEK ON HHIS RETURN, IN MEANTIME WE HAVE POUCHHED CLIPPING FROM JOURNAL OF COMMERCE (7/21/75) WHICHH PROVIDES GENERALLY ACCURATE OVERVIEW ON CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE IN LICENSES.
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